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June 23, 2009

## ORIGINAL

#### **BY FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application for Authorization Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, and Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules, to Transfer Assets of Telenational Communications, Inc. to East Texas Telecommunications LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Telenational Communications, Inc. and East Texas Telecommunications LLC hereby submit an original and five copies of the above-captioned application, as well as Form 159 and the requisite filing fee.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy marked stamp and return and returning it in the FedEx envelope included for this purpose. Please call me if you should have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

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Richard A. Gibbs

**Enclosures** 

# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)
Telenational Communications, Inc. d/b/a	)
T.N.C. Communications, Inc.	)
Transferor,	)
and	) File No
East Texas Telecommunications LLC	)
Transferee,	) )
For Consent to Transfer Certain Assets and	)
Customers pursuant to Section 214 of the	)
Communications Act of 1934, as amended.	)

## JOINT APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORITY

Telenational Communications, Inc. d/b/a T.N.C. Communications, Inc.<sup>1</sup> ("Telenational" or "Transferor") and East Texas Telecommunications LLC ("ETT" or "Transferee," and together with Telenational, "Applicants," and each individually, "Applicant"), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> and sections 63.03, 63.04(a), and 63.18 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") rules, hereby request authority to enable ETT to acquire certain assets and customers of Telenational. As further described below, the proposed transaction is entitled to streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules for transfers of domestic authorizations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> T.N.C. Communications, Inc. is the d/b/a assigned to Telenational Communications, Inc. in the State of Texas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214.

#### I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION

Telenational is engaged in the business of providing facilities-based local and long distance voice, data, Internet communications and related services to residential, business and institutional customers within the State of Texas. Telenational is certified to provide local exchange service in one state, Texas, and long distance service in 46 states.

ETT is a Texas-based local exchange carrier. ETT does not currently provide telecommunications services; however, ETT has an application currently pending before the Texas Public Utilities Commission seeking authority to provide local exchange service in and around the geographical territory of Kaufman and Henderson Counties, Texas

Applicants have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement whereby ETT will acquire the 1,621 local exchange and long distance customers in and around the geographical territory of Kaufman and Henderson Counties, Texas and currently served by Telenational. Following the transaction, these customers will be served by ETT. The proposed transfer is subject to certain state required notifications and/or approvals currently pending before the Texas Public Utilities Commission.

Applicants emphasize that the transition of the affected Telenational customers will be seamless and virtually transparent to the customers. Following the transfer, ETT will provide local exchange service under the same rates, terms and conditions as the customers currently receive from Telenational. Telenational customers will not incur any charges as a result of the change in service provider from Telenational to ETT.

In accordance with state and Commission rules, Applicants will provide written notice to the affected Telenational customers informing them of the proposed transaction. Service to these customers will not be transferred until the requisite regulatory approvals have been obtained. In addition, ETT, as the acquiring carrier, shall file with the Commission the notice and certification required by Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules. Applicants seek to consummate the proposed transaction on an expedited basis, with a target date of September 30, 2009.

### II. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.04

In support of this Application, Applicants provide the following summary information as required by section 63.04 of the Commission's rules:

#### 1. Applicant Information

<u>Transferor</u>: Telenational Communications, Inc.

Address: 5408 N. 99th Street

Omaha, Nebraska 68134

Telephone: (402) 392-1110

Facsimile: (402) 392-7583 FRN: 0005044672

Transferee: East Texas Telecommunications LLC

Address: 214 S. Palestine

Athens, TX 75751

Telephone: (903) 264-1111 Facsimile: (903) 264-9100

FRN: 0018818955

#### 2. State of Organization

Transferor: Telenational Communications, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of the

state of Delaware.

Transferee: East Texas Telecommunications LLC is a limited liability company

organized under the laws of Texas.

#### 3. Contact Persons for this Application

#### For Transferor:

Chris Canfield
Chief Executive
Telenational Communications, Inc.
5408 N. 99th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68134

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#### For Transferee:

Terrence Peck Chief Executive Officer East Texas Telecommunications LLC 185-12 Union Turnpike Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

Tel: (718) 454-4422 Fax: (718) 228-2604 Email: tpeck@lexllc.com

#### with a copy to:

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Tel: (202) 973-4200 Fax: (202) 973-4499

Email: richardgibbs@dwt.com

#### 4. Equity Ownership

The following individuals directly own ten percent or more of Applicants:

Transferor: Telenational is a wholly owned subsidiary of RapidLink, Inc. ("RapidLink").

RapidLink is a public company incorporated in the State of Delaware.

Name and Address	Percentage Ownership	Citizenship	Principal Business
John Allen Jenkins	26% (RapidLink)	U.S.	Telecommunications management
Christopher James Canfield	18% (RapidLink)	U.S.	Telecommunications management

<u>Transferee</u>: ETT is a limited liability company owned by two members.

Name and Address	Percentage Ownership	Citizenship	Principal Business
Terry Peck	45%	U.S.	Telecommunications management
David Tropper	55%	U.S.	Venture capital investing

#### 5. Certification

Applicants hereby certify, pursuant to sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's rules,<sup>3</sup> that to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, no party to this Application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>4</sup>

### 6. Description of Transaction

See Section I above.

#### 7. Geographic Areas Served

Telenational is engaged in the business of providing facilities-based local and long distance voice, data, Internet communications and related services to residential, business and institutional customers within the State of Texas. Telenational is certified to provide local exchange service in one state, Texas, and long distance service in 46 states. After the proposed transaction is completed, Telenational will continue to provide service in Texas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1,2001-1.2003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 21 U.S.C. § 583

ETT does not currently provide telecommunications services; however, ETT has an application currently pending before the Texas Public Utility Commission seeking authority to provide local exchange service in and around the geographical territory of Kaufman and Henderson Counties. Texas

#### 8. Streamlined Treatment

Applicants submit that the proposed transaction would result in ETT's market share in the local exchange services market to be substantially less than ten percent (10%). ETT will provide competitive telecommunications and exchange access services exclusively in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to this transaction. Neither applicant is dominant with respect to any service. Therefore, this Application presumptively qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules.

#### 9. Related FCC Applications

None.

#### 10. Special Consideration

Neither Applicant is facing eminent business failure; therefore, Applicants are not requesting special consideration.

#### 11. Waiver Requests

Applicants have not filed any waiver requests in conjunction with the proposed transaction.

#### 12. Public Interest Considerations

The proposed transaction will serve the public interest by ensuring no interruption of service to the affected customers, and the affected customers will receive the same rates, terms and conditions of service backed by the support services of ETT. Because ETT will provide service at the same rates, terms and conditions of service as they currently receive from

Telenational, the transaction will be virtually transparent to Telenational customers. Moreover, as set forth above, Applicants have provided written notice of the proposed transaction to affected customers to ensure that Telenational customers will understand how the proposed change in service providers will affect them.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant the requested Application on a streamlined basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Telenational Communications, Inc.

Chris Canfield

Chief Executive Officer

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Date: June 23, 2009

#### VERIFICATION

# STATE OF NORTH COUNTY COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

I, Terry Peck, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify, depose, and state that I am Chief Executive Officer for East Texas Telecommunications LLC and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of East Texas Telecommunications LLC; that I have read the foregoing Application; and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of knowledge, information, and belief.

Terry Peck

East Texas Telecommunications LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 2 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2-18-16

#### VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF SUMMIT

I, Chris Canfield, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify, depose, and state that I am Chief Executive Officer for Telenational Communications, Inc. and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Telenational Communications, Inc.; that I have read the foregoing Application; and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of knowledge, information, and belief.

Chris Canfield

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Telenational Communications, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 22 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2009

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My Commission expires: 01/oc/2010